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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

In re: : Chapter 11

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W.R. GRACE & CO., et. al. : Case No. 01-1139 (JKF)

(Jointly Administered)

Debtors : Objection Deadline August 27, 2012 @ 4:00 p.m.

ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTEENTH MONTHLY FEE APPLICATION OF PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS LLP, AUDITORS AND TAX CONSULTANTS FOR DEBTORS, FOR ALLOWANCE OF COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2012

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP ("PwC"), auditors and tax consultants for W.R. Grace & Co., and the other above-captioned debtors (collectively, the "Debtors"), by and through its undersigned counsel, hereby submits its *One Hundred and Fourteenth Monthly Fee Application for Allowance of Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses for the month of June 2012* (the "Application"). PwC respectfully requests the granting compensation and reimbursement of expenses in the amounts requested. In support of this Application, PwC respectfully represents as follows:

## I. <u>COMPENSATION REQUESTED</u>

1. As set forth below, Applicant is requesting an interim allowance of fees in the aggregate amount of \$190,309.19 (plus \$944.00 for preparing this fee application) and reimbursement of expenses in the aggregate amount of \$3,489.46. These amounts represent the fees generated and expenses incurred by PwC during the month of June 2012. A table showing the names of all professionals and paraprofessionals who rendered services during the period, together with the billing rates of such persons and the number of hours charged by such persons during month of June 2012, is set forth on Attachment B to the cover sheet to this Application.

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II. INTRODUCTION AND PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

2. On April 2, 2001 (the "Petition Date"), the Debtors filed their voluntary petitions for

relief under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. The Debtors are operating their businesses and

managing their properties and assets as debtors and debtors-in-possession pursuant to sections

1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code.

3.

The Debtors filed their Application of the Debtors for the Entry of an Order (i)

Approving the Payment of Professional Fees and Expenses and (ii) Authorizing the Employment

and Retention of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as Independent Accountants and Auditors to the

Debtors and Debtors in Possession on January 10, 2002 (the "Original Retention Application").

Because the Original Retention Application was contested, it was not until June 18, 2002 that the

Court entered its Order Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 327(a) and Fed. R. Bankr. P. 2014(a), 2016

and 5002 Authorizing the Employment and Retention of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP As

Auditors and Tax Consultants to the Debtors and Debtors in Possession Nunc Pro Tunc to

January 10, 2002 (the "Retention Order").

Relief Requested.

4. By this Application, PwC respectfully requests, on an interim basis, allowance of fees in

the amount of \$190,309.19 (plus \$944.00 for preparing this fee application) and reimbursement

of expenses in the aggregate amount of \$3,489.46 for the period covered by this Application. In

support of this Application, PwC submits its summary time records attached hereto as Exhibit

"A" and the expenses summaries attached hereto as Exhibit "B."

5. This Court has jurisdiction over this Application pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1334. This is a

core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b). Venue of these proceedings and this motion is

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proper in this district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409. The statutory predicates for the

relief sought herein are sections 330 and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule 2016.

6. All of the services for which compensation is sought were rendered by Applicant to the

Debtors solely in connection with this case and in furtherance of the duties and responsibilities of

the Debtors and not on behalf of any creditor or other person.

7. PwC's hourly rates for its auditors and other professionals charged in connection with its

services for the Debtors were commensurate with the rates PwC customarily charged its clients

(whether corporate or individual) in both bankruptcy and non-bankruptcy matters at the time the

services were rendered.

8. By order dated January 21, 2012 (Dk. No. 28551), the Court granted the Debtors'

application to amend the Amended Administrative Order (Dk. No. 1949) authorizing the

employment and retention of PwC as auditors and tax consultants to the Debtors and Debtors in

possession, that waives the requirement under Rule 2016-(2)(G) of the local rules of Bankruptcy

Practice and Procedure of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware.

Therefore, PwC is no longer required to maintain contemporaneous time records in one-tenth

hour increments. However, PwC is still providing summary time records for the personnel

working on this action.

9. Applicant is not seeking reimbursement for internal charges, including costs associated

with airline ticketing and general office services such as computer usage, telephone charges,

facsimile transmissions, postage, and photocopying.

10. None of the amounts requested have been paid. No payments have been made or

promised to Applicant for the audit services described herein and for which PwC seeks

compensation and reimbursement of expenses in this Fee Application. No agreement exists

between Applicant and any other person or entity to share any compensation in connection with the Debtors' Chapter 11 cases.

## III. <u>SERVICES RENDERED DURING THE INTERIM PERIODS</u>

- 11. The nature of the work performed by PwC during the covered periods included the following.
- 12. Audit and Tax Services. The Applicant provided the following services:
  - (i) Performed planning procedures for the 2012 annual financial statement audit, including assessment of significant risks, scoping of significant financial statement accounts and components, various risk assessment procedures, and other planning procedures required by the professional standards and the firm policies.
  - (ii) Performed planning coordination with PwC Tax specialists. This included meeting with the PwC tax team, and W. R. Grace tax department to discuss 2012 activity and audit timing, review of 2012 income taxes audit plan, and discussions around documents to be provided by the client.
  - (iii) Planning procedures performed to prepare for our 2012 audit work over internal controls required under section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. This work included discussing assistance of management in our walkthroughs, meeting with Internal Audit to discuss scheduling of site visits, and review and preparation of 2012 controls testing plan, among other procedures.
  - (iv) Preparation for the quarterly review procedures over W. R. Grace Q2 2012 Form 10-Q. This included setting up and documenting expectations for Q2 2012 analytical procedures, determining and documenting the review strategy, updating independence assessment, and other planning considerations required by the professional standards and the firm polices.
  - (v) Discussions with the Company and review of the documentation on the following matters:
    - a. Acquisition made by the Company (Helios deal)
    - b. Transactions requiring special accounting consideration (such as, sale of Bondera inventory, Verifi revenue recognition model, future foreign exchange hedges related to intercompany loans, and valuation of the instruments to be issued under the Joint Plan)
  - (vi) Preparation for PwC's upcoming visit to the Company's shared service center in Manila, Philippines. Including reviewing process documentation, and controls matrices.

## IV. ALLOWANCE OF COMPENSATION

- 13. Under the Bankruptcy Code, professionals performing services in a bankruptcy case are entitled to "reasonable compensation for actual, necessary services" and "reimbursement for actual, necessary expenses." 11 U.S.C. §330(a)(1)(A).
- 14. In determining if the amount of compensation is "reasonable", the courts consider the "nature, the extent, and the value" of the services rendered, taking into account the following factors: the time spent on the services; the rates charged for the services; whether the services were necessary or beneficial to the administration of the case; whether the services were performed in a reasonable amount of time commensurate with the complexity, importance, and nature of the services; and whether the compensation is reasonable based on the customary compensation charged by comparably skilled practitioners in cases other than cases under Chapter 11. 11 U.S.C. § 330(a)(3)(A). As described throughout this Application, PwC has satisfied the relevant criteria to support the requested award of compensation.
- 15. In general, the "baseline rule is for firms to receive their customary rates." Zolfo, Cooper & Co. v. Sunbeam-Oster Co., Inc., 50 F.3d 253, 259 (3d Cir. 1995). The compensation sought herein is based on PwC's customary rates, which are in line with the customary rates charged by comparably skilled practitioners in cases other than cases under Chapter 11.
- 16. Applicant's services have been rendered in an efficient manner by accountants and auditors who are experts in their fields. PwC is one of the largest and most well-respected accounting firms in the country, and its rates are commensurate with its level of expertise.
- 17. No prior application for the relief requested herein as been made.

**WHEREFORE**, PwC respectfully requests interim allowance of compensation in the amount of \$190,309.19 (plus \$944.00 for preparing this fee application) and reimbursement of

expenses in the aggregate amount of \$3,489.46, together with such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

Dated: August 26, 2012 SMITH KATZENSTEIN & JENKINS LLP

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